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EXDIS TOSEC 71

FOLLOWING REPEAT TEL AVIV 6663 SENT ACTION SECSTATE
NOVEMBER 18TH:

QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 6663

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TAGS: GDS

SUBJECT: IDF MOBILIZATION

REF: A. SMITH-GLEYSTEEN NOV 18 TELECON

1. (SECRET NOFORN) AS REQUESTED BY REF A, EMBASSY HAS ASKED
FOR UPDATE ON IDF MOBILIZATION FIGURES PROVIDED TO DATT NOVEMBER
15. QUERRY BY DATT WAS REPLIED TO, AFTER ONLY SHORT DELAY,
BY STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR IDF TO CHANGE ESTIMATE
OF NOV 15. WHEN DATT POINTED OUT THAT EARLIER ESTIMATE WAS
PATENTLY NO LONGER RELEVANT, REPLY WAS AGAIN THAT "WE HAVE NO
REASON TO CHANGE THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE".

2. (SECRET NOFORN) EXTRAPOLATING VARIOUS INDICATORS INTO HARD
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NUMBERS IS VERY DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, DATT'S BEST GUESS IS THAT

RECALLS PROBABLY TOTAL AROUND 30,000 REPEAT 30,000 RESERVISTS.
THERE ARE NEBULOUS RUMORS THAT WOULD PLACE NUMBER AT TWO TO THREE
TIMES THAT AMOUNT, BUT WE WOULD DISCOUNT HIGHER FIGURES.

3. COMMENT: IDF SENSITIVITY ABOUT PROVIDING HARD FIGURES IN SITUATIONS

SUCH AS EXISTS AT PRESENT IS WELL ESTABLISHED.
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